

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Peace Officer Memorial Month Proclamation

DATE: May 7, 2003

PREPARED BY: JERRY J. ADAMS, CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council proclaim the Month of May, 2003, to be known as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Police Department requests that the Council make this proclamation in keeping with such tributes at the state and national level. This year, the week of May 11 through May 17 is designated National Police Week, while May 9 is the date of the California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are held annually to honor the memory of over 15,000 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty throughout the United States. Of the 147 line of duty deaths in 2002, California's loss was nine officers.

Members of the Lodi Police Department, led by it's Honor Guard, are attending ceremonies in three venues: The Lodi Police Peace Officer Memorial Service at Temple Baptist Church on May 4, the San Joaquin County Memorial at Stockton Police Headquarters on May 7, and the California Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento on May 9. Also on May 7, a ceremony will be held at the graveside of Officer Rick Cromwell, the only Lodi Police Officer ever lost in the line of duty.

An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen Peace Officers.

FUNDING: None.


Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager